



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In the Application of:** SHIVERICK et al.

**Application Serial No:** 09/842,127

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**Title:** Information Retrieval System and Method

**Group Art Unit:** 2162

**Examiner:** TO, Baoquoc

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 21, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.